Sky Islands and Desert Seas Restoration, Phase II: Posey Well Habitat Improvement

Need

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Posey Well Habitat Improvement Project will replace an existing, nonfunctioning well within the Posey Well exclosure. The existing well no longer provides water or aquatic habitat for wildlife. Water sources within the San Simon Valley are rare, and thus vital for wildlife survival as the majority of natural waters have been altered or no longer exist. Work on this project is expected to be completed in October 2010.

Recovery Act Funding

The contract for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project was awarded to Piedmont Environmental for \$64,570.00.



Benefits

A new well will provide water for wildlife within the San Simon. Species that will benefit from the new well include mule deer, javelina, and other game species. The San Simon is also an important migratory bird route and wintering area for raptors. Posey Well has been identified as a potential site for stocking of endangered fish species, such as the Gila topminnow or desert pupfish. Creating new habitat for these species will aid in their recovery.



More Information

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